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DAO FOR AOSOP-OR/IS/IX

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER COOK ON JAN 29 GENERAL TOAN, CG II CORPS, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH HIS NEW MOBILE TACTICS. IN A REVIEW OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION, THE GENERAL MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS.

2. IN QUANG DUC, TOAN STATED HE HAS RECEIVED ORDERS FROM SAIGON TO ATTACK THE ENEMY IN BU PRANG AND BU BON, HOWEVER, THE ENEMY IS WELL DUG-IN AND ARE READY FOR AN ATTACK. ACCORDINGLY, THE GENERAL SAID HE WOULD SURPRISE THEM BY DOING SOMETHING THEY DID NOT EXPECT, BUT HE DID NOT FURTHER ELABORATE.

3. TOAN SAID VERY LITTLE ABOUT OPERATIONS IN WESTERN PLEIKU, BUT IMPLIED HE WOULD BE MOVING QUITE SLOWLY IN THIS AREA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID THAT HE "CONTROLLED" THE PLEI DJERENG (LE MINH) AREA, ALTHOUGH NEITHER SIDE IS ACTUALLY IN THE CAMP.

4. IN KONTUM, THE GENERAL REFERRED TO THE PRESENCE OF A NEW ENEMY REGIMENT RECENTLY ARRIVED, WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE NVA 27TH. DESPITE ITS PRESENCE, THE GENERAL DID NOT BELIEVE AN ATTACK ON KONTUM CITY WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. REFERRING TO QL-19 WEST OF THE MANG YANG PASS, TOAN CLAIMED THAT THE ELEMENTS OF THE ENEMY 95B REGIMENT HAD BEEN BADLY HURT BY RVNAF GROUND AND AIR ACTIONS (SEE NHA TRANG'S 0036). REPLACEMENTS HAD BEEN SENT IN, BUT THE 95 B WAS NOT AS FORMIDABLE AS IT HAD BEEN BECAUSE THE FILLERS WERE YOUNG AND NOT WELL-TRAINED.

6. THE GENERAL WAS IN EXCELLENT SPIRITS AND CLEARLY FELT THAT HE HAD THE INITIATIVE NOW. HE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE ENEMY WOULD ATTACK FOR AT LEAST A MONTH, OR BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY AND HE IMPLIED THAT HIS FUTURE TACTICS WOULD DELAY THEIR PLANS EVEN FURTHER.

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